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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Government have any proposals of so improving the supply to the Red Hills and Cholavaram tanks that there will be no need to cut off water for irrigation with a view to ensure supply of drinking water to this City ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That is exactly the object with which the present improvements are being carried out."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know, Sir, if these improvements are confined to the improvements contemplated for the upper supply channel alone, and whether it is not proposed to obtain more water than would be possible under the scheme of widening the upper supply channel within the radius of the Cholavaram and the Red Hills tanks ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" If the improvements do not lead to a practical solution of the difficulties that have been experienced, investigation will be made with the object of seeing whether anything further can be done."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether the improvements have improved the supply at present ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It certainly did have a beneficial effect when the works got to such a stage that they became operative, but owing to the time that it took to get the work done it was not till after the end of November really that any improvement could be seen."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Sir, the monsoon this year was normal. If it was abnormal, or if the quantity of rain was less, how would the improvements to these tanks add to the quantity of water in the tanks ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" By letting in more water which would otherwise go waste into the sea."

* The hon. the President :—" Regarding the question No. 1003-B it has been brought to my notice that the question given notice of was slightly different from the question as admitted by me. Therefore there is some confusion in the clauses of the answer, and so it will be put on the question paper to-morrow."

Report on the reinvestigation of the Gudemupad project.

* 1004 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in reference to answers given to question No. 895 on 29th November 1928—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer's report has been received ; and

(*b*) if it has been received, what it is ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No. The project is being re-examined by the Executive Engineer, Kurnool division, and it will take some time before the final report is received.